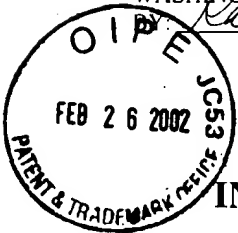


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In re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 1633
Darwin Prockop *et al.*
Appln. No.: 08/913,918 : Examiner: Dave Nguyen
Filed: December 8, 1997 : Attorney Docket
For: ISOLATED STROMAL CELLS AND : No. 053664-5008-01
METHODS OF USING THE SAME : (9855-14U1)
: (TJU-1587)

AMENDMENT

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated October 12, 2001 (Paper No. 34), sent in connection with the above-referenced application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, which extends the time for a response to the Office Action through and to February 12, 2002. Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 72-75 without prejudice to the inclusion of the subject matter contained therein in any later filed divisional or continuation application.

REMARKS

Claims 69-71, 77, and 97-112 are pending in the present application. Claims 72-75 have been canceled without prejudice herein.

Rejection of Claims 72-75 under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner has rejected claims 72-75 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claims are readable on humans. Claims 72-75 have been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.